

Regular medical check-ups can help avert many deaths

The death of the Woman Member of Parliament for Iganga District, the late Haliat Grace Kawudha, was indeed a tragedy. The cause of the death of the legislator as read out by the Minister for Primary Healthcare at the funeral service was Enclampsia (high blood pressure in pregnancy). This condition can easily be detected and managed by midwives, even at the lowest rural

health centres. Any woman in her reproductive age who misses two consecutive menstrual periods is expected to be pregnant and must report for antenatal check-up. Unfortunately, the legislator was carrying a six-month pregnancy but had not gone for antenatal check-ups.

In order to avoid such mishaps, the government should continue strength-

ening maternity services by recruiting more health workers, providing transport, medicines and equipment. Ugandans should adopt the right attitude and health seeking behaviour.

May Kawudha's soul rest in eternal peace.

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